

In the claims:

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1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) A computerized telephony bridge unit, comprising:

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a trunk-line port and associated circuitry for receiving and placing Connection Oriented/Switched Telephony (COST) telephone calls on a COST network;

a data network port and associated circuitry for receiving and placing Internet Protocol Telephony Network (IPNT) calls on the Internet; and

conversion circuitry for converting data representing calls dynamically between IPNT and COST telephone calls;

wherein control routines functioning as part of the bridge unit receive a first call from one of the COST and Internet networks, place a call associated with the received call on the network other than the network on which the call is received, and dynamically convert data between the associated calls, and the dynamic conversion of data enables two people to engage in a live conversation even though one person is on the Internet and the other is on a COST network.

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